

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

COUNTY OF NEWPORT

The Board of Canvassers of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Meeting at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Thursday May 1, 2014 at 8:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Bobby J Harris-present
Member Paul Amaral-present
Alternate Jean Veegh-absent

Vice Chair DeEtta Moran-present
Town Clerk-Nancy Mello-present
Clerk Kathleen Wood-present

Chairman Harris called the meeting to order at 8:52 a.m.

1. Review and Approve minutes:

- April 28, 2014
A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Harris to accept the minutes as submitted.
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Financial Town Referendum and Early Absentee Voting:

- Ms. Mello reminded the Board that the Financial Town Referendum Hearing is tonight May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Tiverton Middle School Cafetorium. Each petitioner will be given 30 minutes to present their budget proposal. She also stated that this will be a good opportunity to gauge voter interest.
- For the FTR there will be a minimum of poll workers used. For each location there will be 1 Moderator, 1 Clerk and 1 pair of bi-partisan Supervisors. The Clerk's office will review the turnout at the V.F.W. for the 2012, and 2013 FTR's to determine if the VFW might need an extra pair of Supervisors.
- Since for this FTR there will be experienced runners used, there will not be as many police officers needed for the inspections teams at closing time.
- Poll worker training will be held at Town Hall on Thursday May 8th at 6:p.m. and Monday May 12th at 2:00 p.m. The training will be conducted by the Clerk's office, since the Board of Elections does not provide training for town referendums.
- On May 20th there will be 2 Supervisors, 1 Moderator, and 1 Clerk at each polling location. If necessary on early absentee voting days at Town Hall, the Clerk's office could act as Moderator or Clerk.
- As in all previous FTR's Provisional Ballots will not be offered as an option and positive picture ID will be required. Clerk's office will advertise the need for picture ID with the combined polling locations and FTR date in Sakonnet Times twice and Fall River Herald News once.

3. Certify Absentee Mail Ballot Applications:

There were 2 absentee mail ballot applications received for the Board's consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Moran to accept the applications. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Certify 2014 FTR ballot proofs from the Board of Elections:

The Board reviewed the ballot proof returned from Joe Vitale of ES & S (Election Systems and Software). ES & S is the company retained by the Board of Elections to prepare and print ballots for all elections. The Board questioned whether the ballot could be arranged so that the "Vote For Only One" /approve /connect the arrows portion could be placed directly under each proposal instead of grouped together below both

proposals. Ms. Wood contacted Joe Vitale of ES &S and Steve Taylor of the Board of Elections. It was determined that the ballot as presented was the only way to format the proposals on the ballot. The ES &S system for tallying purposes is programmed to only accept the “connect the arrow” section separate from the actual proposals. A motion was made by Ms. Moran and seconded by Mr. Amaral to accept the ballot as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Handicapped Issues at Polling Locations:

The Board discussed the problem of polling locations not being handicapped accessible.

- High School discussion for repair on the entrance to the gymnasium. There is a need to have the superintendent of schools or the DPW Director get us an estimate as soon as possible to see if there are funds through the Governor’s office on ADA compliance.
- At Pocasset School there is not sufficient door clearance because of the protruding door handles. It was suggested by the Board of Elections to replace the door handle with ADA compliant hardware or prop open the doors during voting hours. The Board felt that propping open doors during November elections was not an appropriate solution. Door monitors may be used to assure accessibility.
- At Amicable Church there is an issue with exterior lighting in the parking area. The D.P.W. might have lights that could be installed on a temporary basis. The lighting would not be needed for the F.T.R. which takes place in May.

Ms. Black a member of the audience informed the Board that there is money available to make repairs and upgrades for voting purposes from the C.D.B.G. (Community Development Block Grant)

6. Providing meals to poll workers:

The local Republican and Democratic parties will each donate \$50.00 towards covering the cost of evening meals provided to poll workers.

The next Board of Canvassers meeting will be at Town Hall on Monday May 5, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. to complete the certification of the last of the absentee mail ballot applications.

There being no further business, Ms. Moran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Amaral. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Bobby Harris Chair_____DeEtta Moran, Vice Chair_____

Paul Amaral, member _____ Jean Veegh, Alternate_____absent_____

A True Copy: Attest_____Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk